

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENTS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Public Safety Code regarding board membership.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ reduces the Utah Fire Prevention Board from 13 to 11 members, and specifies the two membership positions to be removed.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53-7-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 448

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53-7-203** is amended to read:

53-7-203. Utah Fire Prevention Board -- Creation -- Members -- Terms -- Selection of chair and officers -- Quorum -- Meetings -- Compensation -- Division's duty to implement board rules.

(1) There is created within the division the Utah Fire Prevention Board.

(2) The board shall be nonpartisan and be composed of [~~13~~] 11 members appointed by the governor as follows:

~~[(a) a city or county official;]~~

~~[(b)]~~ (a) a licensed architect;

~~[(c)]~~ (b) a licensed engineer;

~~[(d)]~~ (c) a member of the Utah State Firemen's Association;

~~[(e)]~~ (d) the state forester or the state forester's designee;

33 ~~[(f) the commissioner of the Labor Commission or the commissioner's designee;]~~
34 ~~[(g)]~~ (e) a member of the Utah State Fire Chiefs Association;
35 ~~[(h)]~~ (f) a member of the Utah Fire Marshal's Association;
36 ~~[(i)]~~ (g) a building inspector;
37 ~~[(j)]~~ (h) a citizen appointed at large;
38 ~~[(k)]~~ (i) a fire executive appointed from a full-time fire department in a county of the
39 first class;

40 ~~[(l)]~~ (j) a fire executive appointed from a full-time fire department in a county of the
41 second class; and

42 ~~[(m)]~~ (k) a fire executive appointed from a fire department in a county of the third,
43 fourth, fifth, or sixth class.

44 (3) (a) Except as required by Subsection (3)(b), as terms of current board members
45 expire, the governor shall appoint each new member or reappointed member to a four-year
46 term.

47 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (3)(a), the governor shall, at the
48 time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of
49 board members are staggered so that approximately half of the board is appointed every two
50 years.

51 (4) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be
52 appointed for the unexpired term.

53 (5) A member whose term has expired may continue to serve until a replacement is
54 appointed pursuant to Subsection (3).

55 (6) The board shall select from its members a chair and other officers as the board finds
56 necessary.

57 (7) A majority of the members of the board is a quorum.

58 (8) The board shall hold regular semiannual meetings for the transaction of its business
59 at a time and place to be fixed by the board and shall hold other meetings as necessary for
60 proper transaction of business.

61 (9) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but
62 may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

63 (a) Section 63A-3-106;

64 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and

65 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and
66 63A-3-107.

67 (10) The division shall implement [~~the rules of~~] rules made by the board under Section
68 53-7-503 and perform all other duties delegated by the board.

Legislative Review Note
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